

FAQ

Firearms In Nevada State Parks

There are numerous statutes that apply to the possession and use of firearms in areas administered by the Nevada Division of State Parks.

1. Does my CCW permit allow me to carry a concealed firearm while visiting parks and recreation areas administered by the Division of State Parks.

Yes, holders of a valid CCW permit issued by the states of Nevada, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho(Enhanced Permit), Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota(Class 1), South Carolina (eff. 07/01/12), Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia may carry a concealed handgun in public areas of a State Park or Recreation Area.

2. Can I carry a concealed firearm into park visitor centers, offices, shops and other public buildings?

No, with few exceptions NRS 202.3673 section 3b prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm in areas of a public building which have metal detectors at the entrance or which are posted with a sign at each entrance. Offices, Shops and Visitor Centers are all posted as prohibited areas for the carrying of firearms.

3. Can I carry an unconcealed firearm in state parks and recreation areas?

Yes, the same standard for the open carry of firearms exists in areas administered by the Division of State Parks as it does for other public areas in Nevada.

4. I'm attending a play or concert. Can I possess or consume alcohol?

It is always a bad idea to mix possession of a firearm with alcohol. NRS 202.257 prohibits the possession of a loaded firearm while impaired by drugs or alcohol with a blood alcohol level of 0.10.

5. Can I hunt within areas administered by the Division of State Parks?

Yes, NAC 407.105 authorizes the Administrator to designate zones within State Parks as shooting zones for the purposes of hunting seasons established by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Target shooting is prohibited in all areas except at a designated and developed range facility. The best advice here it to contact the park you plan to visit to determine current seasons and boundaries of shooting zones.

6. Can I discharge a firearm for self defense?

Yes, a firearm may be discharged in any area of a state park for lawful defense. Revisions to NAC 407.105 which was approved by the Legislative Commission on October 26, 2011 specifically recognizes the right to self defense guaranteed by the Nevada Constitution.

7. Can I possess a firearm in my motorhome or recreational vehicle?

Yes, you may possess a firearm in your motorhome or recreational vehicle just as you can in your own home.

The information provided here is not all inclusive and the reader is cautioned to check state and local regulations before traveling while armed. If you have additional questions please contact a park ranger or the Division Headquarters at 775-684-2770.